



**American Medical Student  
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The Honorable John Dingell  
Rayburn Building  
Washington DC, 20151

Dear Representative Dingell:

The American Medical Student Association is pleased to offer its support for H.R. 526, the Bipartisan Patient Protection Act. AMSA, the nation's largest and oldest independent medical student organization, with over 30,000 members, believes H.R. 526 offers a common-sense approach to a patient's bill of rights.

The health insurance industry needs to be held accountable for their actions. If their actions harm patients, we support using the judicial system to change their behavior. We believe patients harmed by their insurance carriers should have full access to all avenues of legal recompense available to consumers in other industries.

Doctors are held accountable for their mistakes. Why aren't insurance plans? Your legislation goes a long way in ensuring patients have access to proper care and we applaud you for your efforts!

Sincerely,

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